HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO WATKINS

Prof. John V. Watkins, Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida, was presented an honorary membership in the American Hibiscus Society at the annual meeting. Mr. Watkins has written numerous books on gardening and landscape horticulture. He has always plugged hibiscus in his works.

Those who missed his slide lecture at the annual meeting may never have another opportunity such as this. He gave us a first hand tour of the Caribbean gardens of Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Antilles.

After the show a panel discussion was held in which Prof. Watkins, Eric Golby and Paul White answered any questions tossed from the audience. Mr. White is one of Prof. Watkins' students.

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Whenever you are tempted to tell your troubles to other people, remember, half are not interested; and the rest are glad that you are finally getting what is coming to you.

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Keep your words soft and sweet; you never know when you may have to eat them.

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on the plants again for at least a month. In general, oil sprays are not very effective against mealybugs and cottony cushion scales. Newer Superior-type oils are commercially available alone and in combination with other insecticides. These highly refined oils are less likely to injure plants than the older types. Miscible oil meeting Florida specification FC 412-66 is much safer for use on hibiscus than other types of oil sprays.

b. Mealybugs:

Mealybugs are improtant pests of annuals and perennials, in addition to some woody ornamentals. They excrete honeydew which attracts ants and serves as a medium for development of sooty mold. Mealybugs are soft-bodied scale insects which are usually covered with powdery or cottony, wax-like material. They vary from 1/5 to 1/3 inch in length whey mature. Some of the most common host plants are azalea, coleus, croton, cactus, rose and foliage plants.

Control - Use lindane at 2 Tbs/gal. or 1½ lbs. of 25% WP/100 gal. of water. Two applications 2 to 3 weeks apart may be required.

c. Spider Mites:

Spider Mites or "red spiders" are among the most

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